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HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY
MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
FERDINAND "FERDIE" GARCIA
FOR THIRTY YEARS OF TREMENDOUS SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Navy Master Chief Ferdinand "Ferdie" Garcia for his unwavering service to our country and its leaders.

Master Chief Ferdinand Garcia was born in the Philippines on November 29, 1961. In 1990, Mr. Garcia immigrated to the United States and enlisted in the U.S. Navy just two years later. Ferdie graduated from recruit training and then attended Mess Management Specialist School, where he graduated in the top ten percent of his class and was promoted to Petty Officer, Third Class. After Basic Training School, Mr. Garcia worked in various food service positions on board the USS *Saipan* (LHA 2) stationed out of Norfolk, Virginia. In 1996, Mr. Garcia began working as a Mess Management Specialist School Instructor at Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio, Texas.

In July 2000, Mr. Garcia was recruited into the Presidential Food Service and served as a Petty Officer, First Class in the White House. He served as an Oval Office Enlisted Aide under three U.S. Presidents, including Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. Throughout his service at the White House, Mr. Garcia advanced to Chief, Senior Chief, and was finally meritoriously promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer in 2008. For ten more years, he continued to serve as an Enlisted Aide to five different U.S. Navy Admirals.

Master Chief Petty Officer Garcia's thirty years of selfless service in the U.S. Navy are marked with many medals and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star Device, numerous Navy Commendation Medals, and many Achievement Medals from the Navy, Marine Corps, and the Air Force.

As Mr. Garcia closes his decades of service in the U.S. Navy ending his time at Walter Reed National Medical Center, I want to ensure he knows his country is extremely grateful for his service. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate an incredible public servant and my friend, Master Chief Petty Officer Ferdinand Garcia, on his retirement and wish him the best in his future endeavor.

COMMEMORATING THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY
OF OPERATION
DESERT STORM

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, this past week we commemorated the 31st anniversary of Operation Desert Storm and paid tribute to

the men and women who served in the final effort to liberate Kuwait from invading Iraqi troops. The service members who carried out Operation Desert Storm were instrumental in bringing the Gulf War to an end. Their courage and sacrifice are a symbol of our nation's values and commitment to our allies around the world.

That's why I introduced House Resolution 172, to designate February 28th as "Desert Storm Veterans Day" and to advocate for fair compensation and the highest quality medical treatment for veterans suffering from ailments associated with their Desert Storm service—some of which stem from exposure to chemical, biological, and environmental toxins.

I want to thank my constituent, Michael Emerson, for his fervent support of this effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the tremendous contributions of those who served in Operation Desert Storm.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA CODE RETURNING
CITIZENS COORDINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the District of Columbia Code Returning Citizens Coordination Act. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide information to the District of Columbia government on individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies under BOP jurisdiction to help ensure the District has services ready when such individuals return home.

Individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies face significant hurdles in preparing to return to society because most are in BOP facilities hundreds or even thousands of miles from the District, their families and their loved ones. Because they are frequently housed so far away from the District, coordinating returning citizens' reentry into society is difficult.

Under this bill, the District government would know the health and other needs of individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies before they are released from BOP custody. Individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies are the only individuals required to be housed by BOP for violations of non-federal laws.

Currently, under federal privacy laws, BOP is allowed to share information on individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA), since CSOSA is also a federal agency, but not with the D.C. government. This bill would require BOP to treat the D.C. government as they do other federal agencies for the purposes of—but only for the purposes of—federal privacy laws, such as the Privacy Act, so that the District government can obtain the necessary information to provide appropriate services to returning citizens.

Specifically, the bill would require BOP, on an annual basis, to provide the District government the following information on individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies under BOP jurisdiction: the name, date of birth and Federal Register number, the facility where housed and the scheduled release date. In addition, upon the request of the D.C. government,

BOP would have to provide the D.C. government with the same information it provides CSOSA on such individuals.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

ANGEL LIEBELT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angel Liebelt for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Angel Liebelt is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Angel Liebelt is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Angel Liebelt for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING FRANCES MAURO
MASTERS ON HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY AND FOR HER SERVICE AS
A ROSIE THE RIVETER DURING
WORLD WAR II

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frances Mauro Masters for her service to this country as a Rosie the Riveter, and to celebrate her 100th birthday.

The daughter of Italian immigrants, Frances was born on March 7, 1922. Determined to serve her country, provide for her family and support her two brothers in the service, Frances rode the bus with her two sisters to and from the east side of Detroit to Ypsilanti, Michigan every day where she worked as a Riveter at the town's Bomber Plant. A shy, quiet and hard-working young woman, Frances continued her work as a Riveter throughout the duration of World War II. The war sadly had enormous personal cost to Frances, as her brother lost his life.

Madam Speaker, Frances Mauro Masters is a true American hero, the embodiment of the 'greatest generation' and a role model for all Americans today, especially young women. As the years go by, it becomes even more important to recognize humble and outstanding members of our greatest generation like Frances. I thank Frances for her service to this country and the selfless example she has set for all of us, and congratulate her on 100 years of life well-lived.